



Opportunities to scale Africa RISING research through frontline public and NGO delivery systems

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What can they do?

- Critical drivers for widespread innovation adoption and dissemination.
- At top level, provide the wider strategies and investment framework for development investment
- Locally, their initiatives drive engagement, dissemination and uptake with communities, cooperatives, and producer groups
- Can facilitating linkages with market actors and co-investors at all levels
- **They occupy the sharp end of development**



Some examples from Phase

- ¹Introduced wheat and faba bean yield benchmarks for AR systems in South Tigray
- Bread wheat varieties scaled via Woreda / Zonal extension in Bale; with NGO support
- Improved avocado varieties. Seedling distribution mainstreamed by government extension.
- Construction of improved feed trough demonstrated in FTCs – **n farmers**
- Establishment of national decision makers “task force” on fertiliser targeting.



Elements of an approach

- Familiarise development partners with research innovations
- Explore those that they find promising
- Plan how to embed the promotion of innovations in their programme
- Identify roles and responsibilities in relation to planned activities
- Identify resources required from the research project and the development partners



Potential Challenges

- Development partners not interested in the innovations!
- Gaps in what can be resourced
- Geographical distributions – how widely can we backstop?
- Differing expectations emerge
- Benefits of integrating not always appreciated
- Un-integrated approaches are unwieldy to manage and monitor.



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